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Title: The Code

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1. A thief must turn his back on his family- mother, father, brothers, sisters - the criminal community is his family.
2. A thief is forbidden to have a family- wife, children.
3. A thief is forbidden to work; A thief must live off the fruits of criminal activity alone.
4. A thief must give moral and material assistance to other thieves using the obshchak (money fund)
5. A thief must give information about accomplices and their whereabouts (location of hideouts, ect.) only in the strictest confidence.
6. If a thief is under investigation, a petty thief must take responsibility upon himself to give the suspected thief time to flee.
  
7. When a conflict arises in a criminal group or amongst thieves, there must be a meeting to resolve the issue.
8. When neccessary, a thief must attend a meeting to judge a thief if his conduct or behavior comes into

question.

9. Punishment for a thief decided by the thief must be carried out.

10. A thief must be proficient in criminals' jargon.

11. A thief must not enter a card game if he does not have money to pay.

12. A thief must teach his craft to novice thieves.

13. A thief should keep a gofer under his influence.

14. A thief must not lose his sense when drinking alcohol.

15. A thief must not in anyway become involved with the authorities; a thief must not participate in social activities; a thief must not join social organizations.

16. A thief must not take up weapons from the hands of state authority, and a thief must not serve in the army.

17. A thief must fulfill all promises made to other thieves.